

Alton, NH

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Belknap
Wolfeboro NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 4
Belknap County District 5

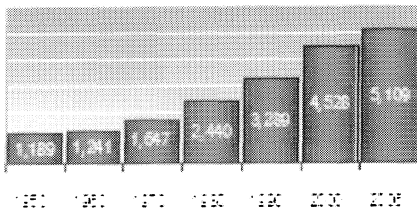
Incorporated: 1796

Origin: Originally called New Durham Gore, the town was settled by a group from Roxbury, Massachusetts. There were already two towns named Roxbury in New England, so the town was incorporated as Alton in honor of a prominent family from Roxbury. The town's boundary envelopes the five-mile long Alton Bay, southeastern point of Lake Winnepesaukee, and includes the southern side of Wolfeboro Harbor and all of the largest islands in the southeast end of the lake. Alton's 19.3 square miles of inland water area is the highest among the cities and towns in New Hampshire.

Villages and Place Names: Alton Bay, East Alton, Mount Major, South Alton, West Alton

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 445 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Alton totaled 3,339 over 50 years, from 1,189 in 1950 to 4,528 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 48 percent increase between



1970 and 1980, followed by 35 percent and 38 percent increases over the next two decades. The 2006 Census estimate for Alton was 5,109 residents, which ranked 66th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2006: 79.9 persons per square mile of land area. Alton contains 63.9 square miles of land area and 19.3 square miles of inland water area.



Belknap County

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2007. Community Response Received **09/05/07**

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$6,728,000
Budget: School Appropriations, 2006	\$10,806,326
Zoning Ordinance	1970/06
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Checklist; Trust Funds; Water; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Parks & Recreation

Public Library **Gilman****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	11 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop; Wolfeboro Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Alton Water Works

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	Private
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Mandatory
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Verizon; Union
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.70
2006 Equalization Ratio	98.6
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.54

2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	96.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.4%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2006 Total Housing Units	4,104
2006 Single-Family Units	3,663
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	58
2006 Multi-Family Units	241
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	200

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	5,109	61,562
2000	4,528	56,576
1990	3,289	49,294
1980	2,440	42,884
1970	1,647	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender	
Male	2,238
Female	2,264

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	273
Age 5 to 19	887
Age 20 to 34	630
Age 35 to 54	1,472
Age 55 to 64	545
Age 65 and over	695
Median Age	41.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	21.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$25,940
Median 4-person family income	\$46,467
Median household income	\$43,451

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$37,585
Female	\$29,375

Families below the poverty level	5.4%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	1,789	2,755
Employed	1,717	2,669
Unemployed	72	86
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	24	91
Average Weekly Wage	\$350	\$704
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	502	607
Average Weekly Wage	\$304	\$525
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	526	698
Average Weekly Wage	\$306	\$549
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	158	294
Average Weekly Wage	\$400	\$574
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	684	992
Average Weekly Wage	\$328	\$556

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:

Alton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Barnstead.District: **SAU 72/JMA**

Career Technology Center(s):

Region 9 Vocational Technical Center, WolfeboroRegion: **09**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	613		549	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007:

Total Facilities: **4**Total Capacity: **104**Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; McIntosh****LARGEST BUSINESSES****PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Alton School Department	Education	116	
Town of Alton	Municipal services	110	1796
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	50	1995
Hannaford	Supermarket	38FT & 94PT	
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	1996
Water Industries	Commercial pumping systems	20	1963
Alton Home & Lumber	Hardware & lumber sales	10	
Hillsgrove Machine	Custom machine shop	9	1979
Christian Conference Center	Recreational/campground	8	1863
Alton Service Center	Car repairs	4	1996

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11D, 28, 28A, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	28 miles

Railroad	No
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Pease International	Distance	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		2

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	40 miles
Portland, Maine	68 miles
Boston, Mass.	91 miles
New York City, NY	302 miles
Montreal, Quebec	254 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	3.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	24%
Commuting to another NH community	68%
Commuting out-of-state	9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Boat Launch; Town Docks; Swim Dock; Public Beach in Picnic Area